

WESTFIELD



POLICE

DEPARTMENT

ANNUAL REPORT

2007



TO: Mayor Andrew Skibitsky
Westfield Town Council Members

FROM: John M Parizeau
Chief of Police

SUBJECT: 2007 Annual Report

As Chief of Police I am pleased to submit the 2007 Annual Report for the Westfield Police Department. This report gives me the opportunity to publicly express my gratitude to the Officers and employees of the Westfield Police Department for their hard work and dedication to the residents of Westfield.

The Westfield Police Department serves the fifth largest community in Union County. The average number of Officers per 1000 residents in Union County is 2.7 and the 2.5 for the entire State of New Jersey. Westfield operates with only 1.96 Officers per thousand residents, yet the Department provides optimum services not only to its residents, but to the thousands of daily visitors and shoppers.

The following pages not only contain statistical information for the past year, but reflect the activities and accomplishments of the Westfield Police Department that continues in its tradition of achievement, performance and service to the citizens of Westfield. I look forward to working with the Department, the Mayor and Town Council, and the residents of Westfield in the coming years to help make Westfield the great place that is to live and work in.

Respectfully submitted,

John M Parizeau
Chief of Police



WESTFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT MISSION STATEMENT



The fundamental mission of the Westfield Police Department is to protect life and property, enforce the law in a fair and impartial manner, and preserve the peace, order, and safety of the community we serve.

In order to fulfill its mission, the Westfield Police will strive to maintain a proactive patrol attitude in order to reduce the opportunity to commit crime, identify, pursue and apprehend offenders, insure the safe movement of vehicles and pedestrians on our public roadways, and interact with the citizenry to resolve problems to improve the quality of life.

In order to respond in a professional manner to the challenges set forth in our mission, the Westfield Police Department will strive to recruit and retain the highest quality employees and provide them with the proper supervision, guidance and training, always recognizing their accomplishments, knowing they are our most valuable assets in attaining our goals. We will treat our fellow employees and our work environment with dignity and respect.

In order to secure the future of our community, we will strive to serve as role models for our youth and work to develop a positive relationship with them based on trust and respect. We will facilitate this relationship through interaction and participation in a variety of programs.

In order to meet the challenges of the future, we will engage in careful planning, involvement in community-based social and educational programs, incorporation of technological advances, improved training, and prudent management of personnel and resources.

WESTFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT
CHIEF JOHN M. PARIZEAU

ADMINISTRATIVE

Captain Clifford Auchter

OPERATIONS

Captain David Wayman

LIEUTENANTS

Lt. James T. Schneider
Lt. Carmen Brocato

Lt. Christopher Battiloro
Lt. Edward Maguire

SERGEANTS

PARKING SERVICES

Det. Sgt. John Rowe

JUVENILE BUREAU

Det. Sgt. Andrew Gallagher

RECORDS BUREAU

Lt. Scott Rodger

TRAFFIC SAFETY BUREAU

Lt. Nicholas Norton

Det. 2/G Lisa Perrotta

Officer Gary Moore

PATROL

Sgt. John Ricerca
Sgt. Todd Earl
Sgt. Jason Rodger

Sgt. William Moffitt
Sgt. Matthew Cassidy
Sgt. Leonard Lugo

Sgt. Frank Padovano

DETECTIVES

James F. McCullough
Chambers

Eric Lieberman

Sandra

Joseph Costanzo

Barron Chambliss

Gregory Hobson

PATROL OFFICERS

Vincent W. Hatala
Anthony V. Vastano
Mark Cierpial
Robert Weiss
W. Richard Smialowicz
Christopher Wolfson
Vincent Piano
Robert F. Bartkus, Jr.
James J. Stivale
Harold V. Caulfield
Robert J. Riley
Kevin O'Keefe
Robert Beaton
Frank Moya
Preston Freeman
Jason Carter
Jason McErlean

Marcin Kapka
Joseph Martino
Nicole Stivale
John Tango
Donald Perkins
Jeffrey Johnson
Thomas Ostrander
Steven Martinez
Michael Walsh
Lauren Maloney
Christopher Scuorzo
Joseph Saunders
Donald Domanoski
Paul Ferry
Eric Loffredo
Bradford Beirne

Special Police Support Services Division

The Support Services Division is a combined group of full and part time Special Police Officers who duties range from Sunday traffic, and Holiday special events.

Captain John Morgan

Special Officer Class II

Sergeant Anthony Garrigan

Sergeant Michael Kurdilla

Officer Robert Mussachia

Special Officer Class I

Officer Christopher Beck

Officer Christopher Donovan

Officer Jonathan Pierce, Jr.

Officer Bruce Miller

Officer Eric Popleik

Officer Helen Hoffman

Officer Nicholas Viento

Parking Services

Parking Services is under the command of the police department. This office includes but is not limited to the central business district traffic control, parking enforcement, parking meter maintenance, meter coin collection and pay stations. They are also responsible for the issuing of parking permits and maintaining the permit database.

Gina Powell

Judith Mussachia

Clerks

Civilian Employees

Police/Fire Dispatchers

Darius Tokarz

Kim Sakr

Brian Minson

Nicholas Bagan

Paul Margeotes, Jr.

Office Personnel

Robin Marko
Administrative Secretary

Geraldine O'Keefe

Vanita Claiborne

Debra DiFabio

Records Clerks

Patrol Division

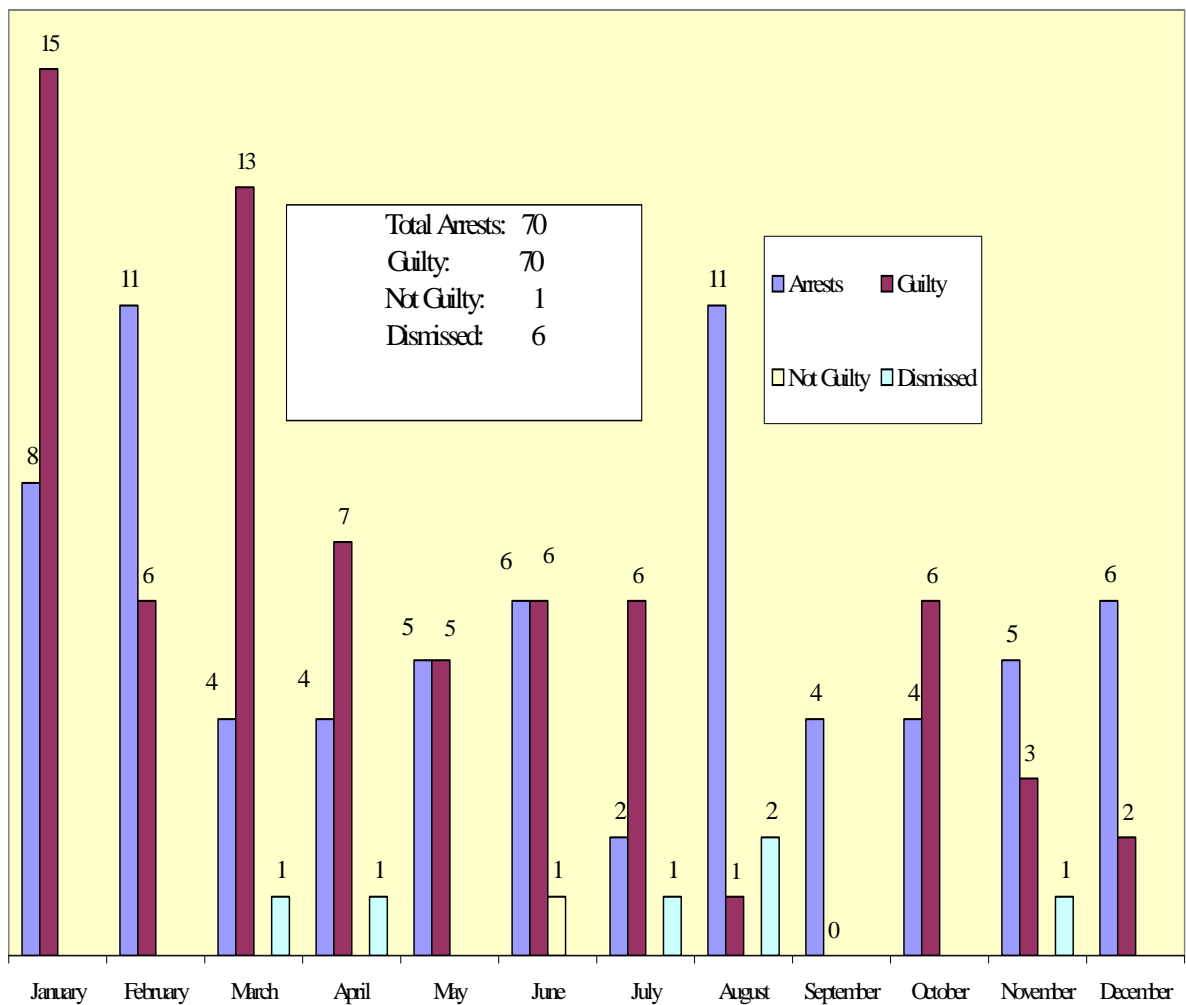
The Patrol Division is the Police Department's largest division and makes up approximately 75% of the entire Department. It consists of 34 Patrol Officers, 6 Sergeants and 4 Lieutenants. Patrol Officers are responsible for providing immediate response and preventative patrol in Westfield for the 110 miles of roadway and approximately 6.7 square miles serving an estimated population of 29,460.

The primary function of the Patrol Division is to provide uniformed response to calls for service. The Patrol Division responded to 31,701 calls, which was an increase of 2.2% over 2006. Although calls for service vary greatly in rate of occurrence and necessary remediation, some examples of the most prevalent incidents include, but are not limited to, public safety services such as responding to traffic accidents, burglary and hold-up alarms and crimes in progress. Patrol Officers are certified as "First Responders" since they are the first on the scene of traffic accidents, medical calls, and other incidents requiring medical attention. As First Responders, Patrol Officers are fully trained to render first aid and assess and stabilize the injured until official medical personnel arrive.

The Patrol Division's secondary responsibility consists of patrolling the town's borders to deter crime while also enforcing the criminal and motor vehicle laws of the state of New Jersey and local Town Ordinances. The Patrol Division conducted 9,679 motor vehicle stops, issued a total of 6,256 citations – an increase of 1.4% and 6.5% respectively from 2006 and made 70 arrests for driving while intoxicated – a decrease of 40% from 2006. The decrease in DWI arrests can be directly attributed to the previous year's enhanced effort to detect and apprehend these drivers that pose a threat to our community. Presently, thirty-two of our officers are state certified Alcotest Operators. Our equipment for this program includes the Alcotest, and video and audio equipment to record the violator at the scene. The figures represented in the DWI Statistics 2007 Charts reflect the DWI arrests adjudicated in the Westfield Municipal Court.

The Patrol Officers' commitment to provide the safest environment possible for the motorists in Westfield remains steadfast. There is currently one officer who is a certified as a New Jersey Drug Recognition Expert. This officer is not only trained to recognize when an individual is under the influence of a narcotic, but can identify which narcotic has been used by the physiological symptoms exhibited by the individual. Arrests made by the Patrol Division totaled 1,789 for various crimes and offenses including two arrests for Distribution of Controlled Dangerous Substances, which resulted not only in the confiscation of dangerous narcotics, but in the seizure and forfeiture of approximately \$2,389 and two motor vehicles. Police officers encounter hazardous situations as a result of their occupation. Last year eleven police officers were physically assaulted while in the performance of their duty – an increase of 55% and made two unrelated arrests for possession of handguns while conducting motor vehicle stops.

DWI Statistics 2007



A variety of different types of patrols are utilized to accomplish the objectives of the department. The most common and visible is the patrol vehicle; which can patrol large areas and respond to calls with greater speed and flexibility. Foot patrol enhances citizen contact and is most prevalent in the Central Business District. By removing the Officer from the patrol vehicle they become more accessible and have a closer contact to the community through sight and sound. The Bicycle patrol is utilized in the Central Business District, town parks and neighborhoods and allows officers to be more versatile and mobile than a marked patrol vehicle. The two motorcycle units are used for general patrol duties as well as special functions such as specific traffic enforcement, traffic control, parades and escorts. Motorcycle patrol is better suited than patrol cars for congested traffic and pedestrian areas.

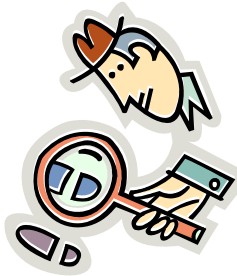
An intense sixteen-week Field Training program that augments the basic pre-service training courses taught at the police academy was instituted for all newly appointed Police

Officers. Throughout the duration of this program, the “Probationary Officer” is partnered with a “Field Training Officer” who oversees that all forty-six training tasks of the program are instructed in detail and performed and/or demonstrated where applicable. The Field Training Officer completes “Daily Observation Reports” and a “Weekly Summary Report” documenting the performance of the new officer. This program ensures that all newly appointed Police Officers receive standardized, effective and comprehensive training consistent with the expectations of the Westfield Police Department and also provides detailed documentation of this systematic training process. Currently, nine patrol officers who have successfully completed this effective training program.

Although law enforcement is typically associated with arrests and traffic enforcement, the primary mission of the Westfield Police Department is to provide public service to the citizens of Westfield. The Patrol Division responded to 4,090 public service calls in 2007, compared to 4,147 in 2006 – a decrease of 1.4 percent.

The Patrol Division will aggressively explore new training procedures in addition to instituting new programs in order to stay on the cutting edge of policing, improving the services provided to the town of Westfield and ensuring a safe community for all.

Detective Bureau

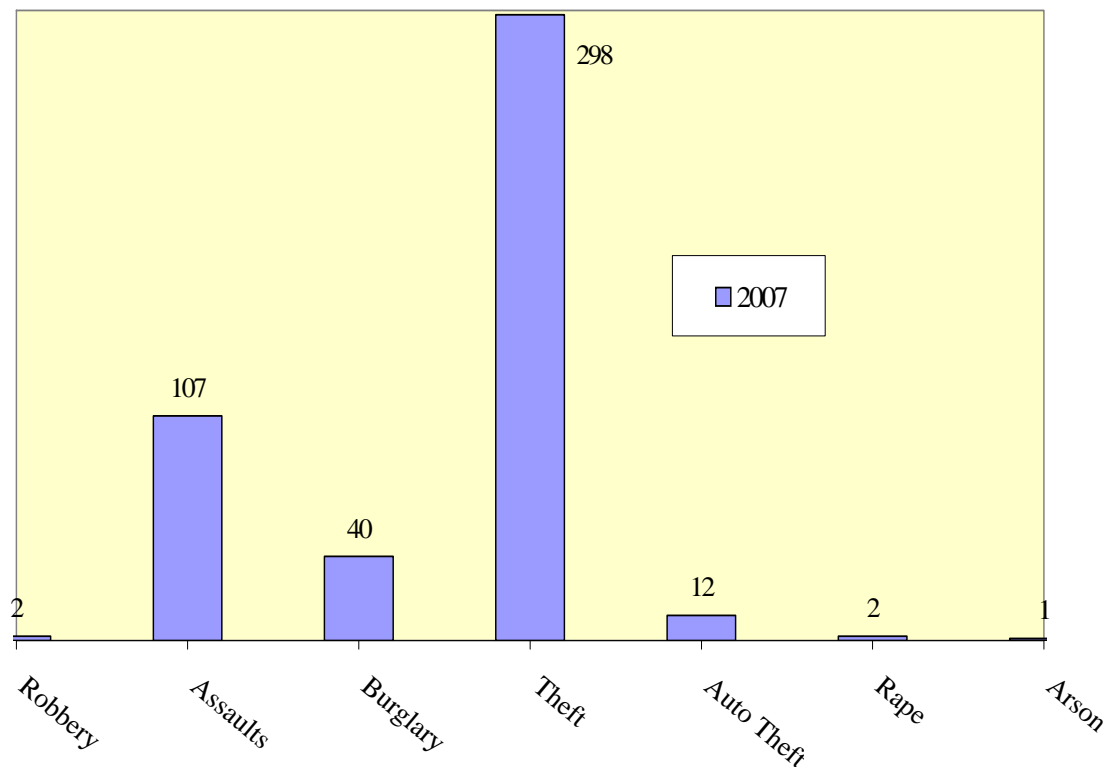


The duties and responsibilities of the personnel assigned to the investigative bureaus are numerous and quite diverse. The primary duty of the detective is to perform all major investigative activities of the department, which include but are not limited to conducting follow-up investigations. This is accomplished by interviewing witnesses, suspects; processing and photographing crime scenes, collect, identify, and submit evidence for forensic analysis. This evidence is used to prepare cases for future prosecution. The investigative bureaus are also responsible for, monitoring establishments which have liquor licenses to ensure adherence to ABC laws, maintain records and monitor individuals who are tiered sex offenders under Megan's Law, and monitor establishments which buy and sell precious metals. Personnel are continually attending training classes to keep them up to date on the latest crime trends, gang activity, Internet crimes, and new legislative updates.

In 2007 1,262 cases were referred to the detective and juvenile bureaus for follow-up investigations. The number of cases requiring further investigation by detectives was one of the largest caseloads in over a decade. Of the 1,262 cases assigned, the Adult and Juvenile Bureaus have cleared or closed 961 cases through arrests, exceptional clearances, or suspended due to lack of investigative leads.

The 2007 Index Crimes listed below are crimes of a more serious nature and are used as indicators for crime trends.

2007 Index Crimes

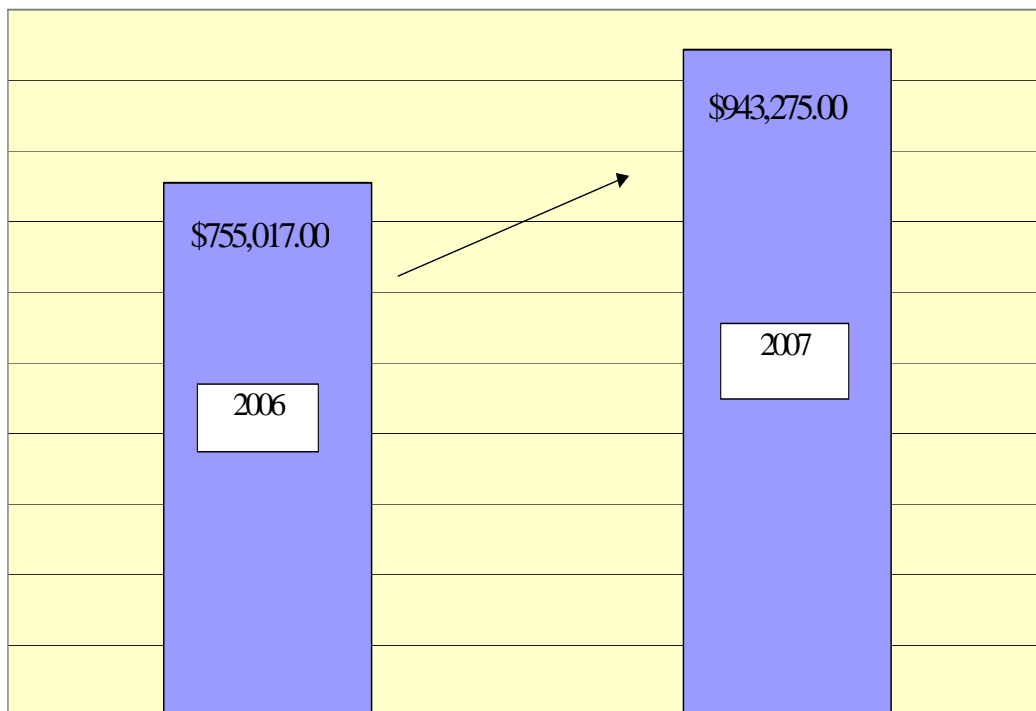


There was a considerable increase in some areas and a significant decrease in others. Theft related offenses rose 15% from 259 in 2006 to 294 in 2007. This 15% rise in thefts accounts for the correlative 24% increase in the value of property reported stolen from 2006.

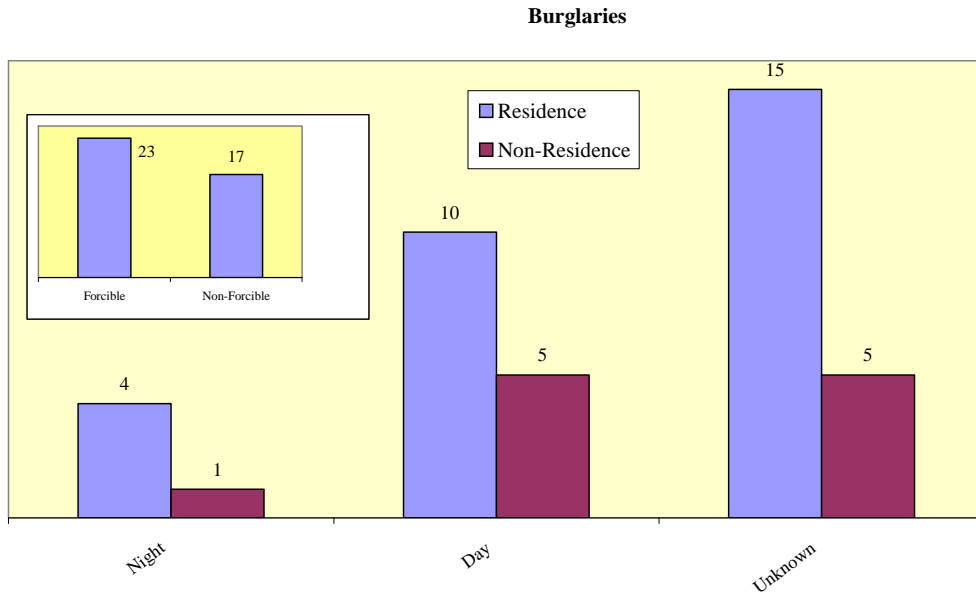
2007 Thefts

Shoplifting	32
Theft from MV	82
Auto parts	13
Bicycle	31
From buildings	54
Others	82
Total	294

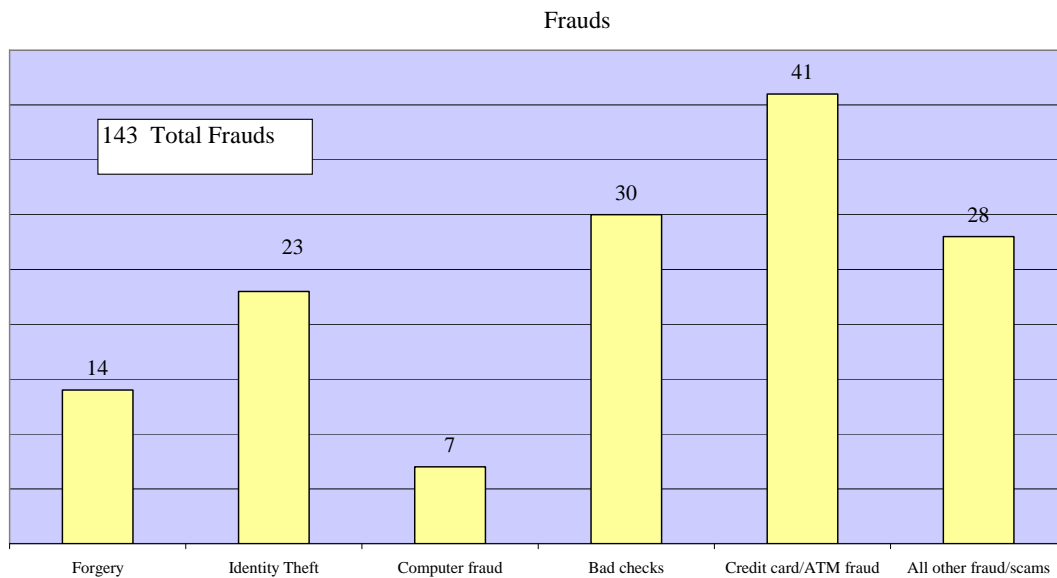
Stolen Property



The 40 reported burglaries reflect a 38% decrease from the 65 burglaries reported in 2006.



With the widespread use of the Internet, this venue has developed into the crime scene of the present. Criminals have found ways to access personal information and convert it to their own unlawful use. They go to great lengths to develop elaborate schemes designed to defraud unsuspecting victims out of their money. Some the more common schemes reported to the police have been the fraudulent international sweepstakes winnings, inheritance fraud, on-line sales and purchases, and letters requesting bank account information to launder money.

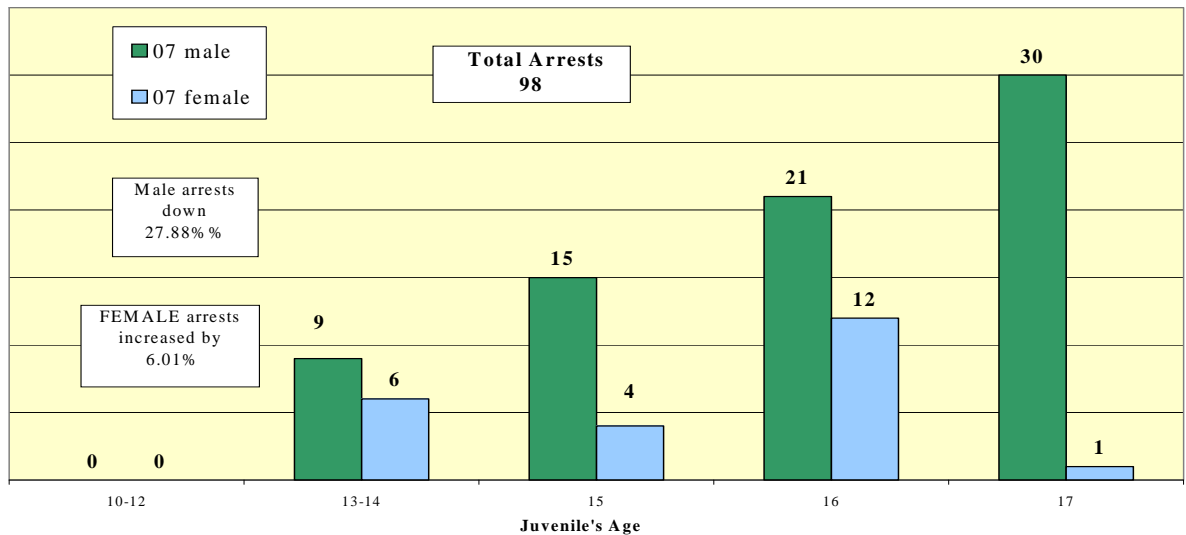
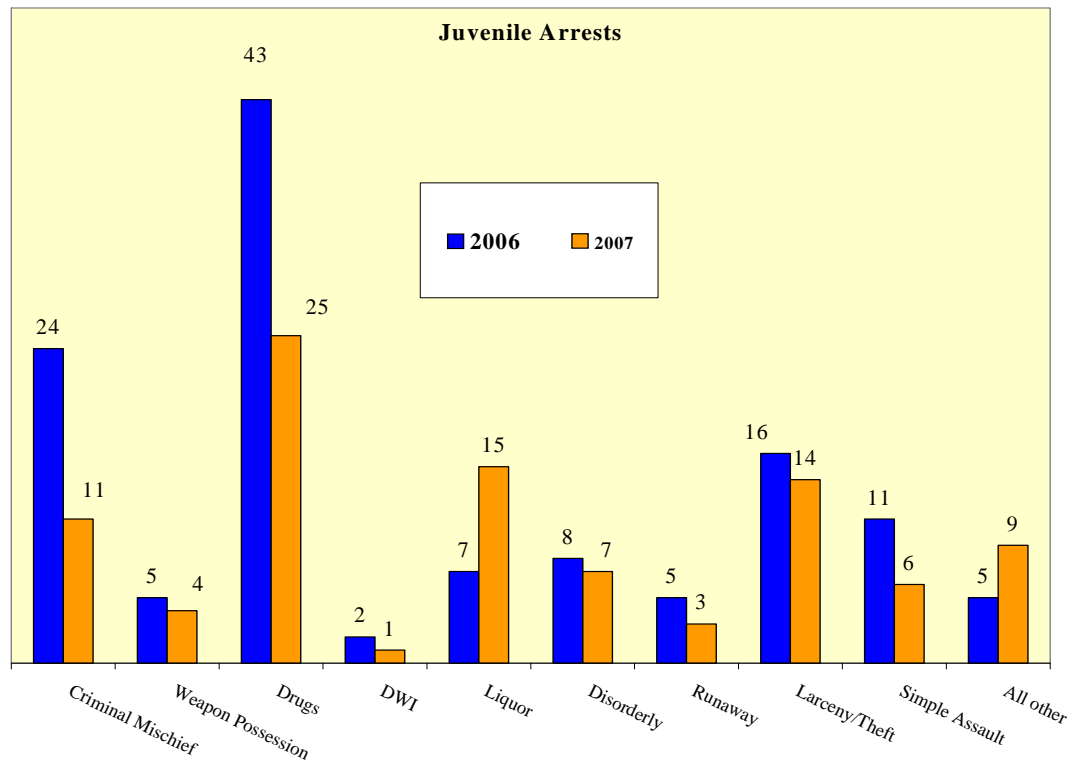


In 2007 the Detective Bureau investigated 143 incidents of reported fraud with the most prolific being the unauthorized use of credit and ATM cards. The personal monetary loss attributed to the unlawful use of these cards has exceeded \$70,000. The investigation into these crimes is extremely time consuming, complicated, involves multi-jurisdictions, with the suspects remaining nameless and faceless. In light of these factors and investigative obstacles, the likelihood of identifying, arresting, and prosecuting these criminals is highly improbable. Citizens are advised to use caution to safeguard their personal information and be wary of anything, which may raise their suspicions. The chances that “something sounds too good to be true... probably is.”

A noteworthy investigation conducted by Det. James McCullough, involved a criminal entity who methodically befriended an elderly victim, gained his trust and eventually gained access and control over his finances and assets. The investigation revealed that the suspects had fraudulently acquired power of attorney over the victim’s assets and drained his accounts of almost a quarter million dollars. The investigation uncovered this elaborate criminal scheme which resulted in the arrest of four individuals, restitution of the unlawfully acquired finances, and each being sentenced to three years in jail.

Juvenile/Community Policing Bureaus

In 2007 the number of crimes perpetrated by juveniles decreased from 2006. Of the 98 arrested, 62 were sent to Family Court, 32 were handled within the department, 2 were handled as adults, 1 was referred to a welfare agency and 1 was referred to another police department. Charts giving the breakdowns of the offenses the juveniles were arrested for and their ages are listed below.



Alcohol/Drugs

There was an increase of 114.25% in arrests for alcohol related offenses in 2007. There were 25 drug related arrests.



Schools

The Juvenile and Community Policing Bureaus continues to be very active in the Westfield school systems, the Union County Education Commission Schools located in Westfield, Holy Trinity and Redeemer Lutheran Schools.

The Bureaus work closely with these schools on their prevention and education programs. Throughout the school year various programs are presented in the schools to talk with the students concerning appropriate topics such as personal safety, drugs and alcohol. The Juvenile Bureau continues to be active in PANDA and the Juvenile Conference Committee organization.

Detective Gregory Hobson has been designated as DARE officer to the Westfield High School during school hours and has expanded the lines of communication between police, teachers and students. The presence of a DARE officer at the high school has received very favorable feedback from all parties. In addition, various Detectives have conducted classroom presentations concerning law enforcement careers as well as police functions, duties, the law, and crime scene procedures.

Community Policing



The Westfield Police Department has made a tremendous effort to build strong ties with the community by implementing a variety of community activities and programs. The Community Policing officers have spoken with the different neighborhood organizations, participated in business / civic events, consulted with social agencies, and took part in educational programs for school age children. Assignments and programs such as the foot patrols, bike patrol as well as our sub-station has brought the police closer to the community.

The following is a description of the different programs that have assisted the Westfield Police Department in becoming a community oriented police agency.

Police Explorers

The Westfield Police Explorers Post #90 currently has twelve male and female members between the ages of 15 through 20. The post meets weekly and hosts various speakers. The Explorers Post was involved in Community programs such as fingerprinting juveniles for identification purposes during the Spring Fling Fest and Youth Awareness and career day hosted by the Y.M.C.A. Three members will be attending the New Jersey State Police Explorers Academy this summer, which will be held at the NJ State Police Academy. Our members are also planning on attending a weeklong training academy at Monmouth University. We have currently updated our uniforms. An aluminum can collection will be placed in headquarters to help raise money to support the Explorer programs.

Liaison Program:

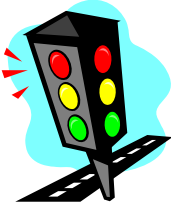
The Westfield Police Department Community Policing Division continues its liaison program with Westlake, Beadleston, Centennial High and Westfield High Schools. The continuing

presence of an officer approximately once a week serves to assist in securing the safety of the students and assisting with special needs of some of the students.



Tours of the Police Department to various community groups continue as well as officers attending neighborhood block parties. The bicycle safety and licensing programs have continued at the schools.

Traffic Safety Bureau



by the Town.

The Traffic Safety Bureau is responsible for investigating and analyzing traffic accidents, traffic counts, and speed surveys. All questions relating to traffic in the town are also referred to this Bureau. They work closely with the Town Engineer, the Department of Public Works Supervisors and the Planning Board to ensure uniformity in the installation of all signs, signals and pavement markings and coordinating the repair and maintenance of all traffic signs owned

The Traffic Safety Bureau handles the hiring, training, scheduling and supervising of the fifty-three full time and (14) substitute adult School Crossing Guards. The Bureau coordinates all department training in the use of traffic law enforcement and speed measuring devices, such as radar. The Traffic Safety Bureau is responsible for the maintenance of all police vehicles and installed equipment. They also conduct the school safety programs and bicycle inspections.

Accident Investigation:

The Traffic Safety Bureau conducts accident investigations involving fatalities and follow-up with those accidents involving serious bodily injury and hit and run occurrences. Officers are specially trained to investigate motor vehicle accidents and we currently have one re-constructionist on staff. In 2007 there were 1016 motor vehicle accidents. This reflects a 7.4% decrease from 2006.

Radar

All permanent uniformed Officers are certified as radar operators. The total time required to train each new Officer is 88 hours with re-certification taking four hours per officer. Re-certification is required every two years.

Programs

Community, Child Shield, Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Programs are continually being updated so that we instruct with the methods proven most effective.



School Programs

Our safety program in the school system is one of the best in the state. Working within the school curriculum, the message of safety is conveyed to the children during four assemblies that are offered at each of the six elementary schools. Meetings are held with the teacher in charge of safety at each school as well as with the PTA Safety Chairman to address problems related to safety.



School Crossing Guards

The Traffic Safety Bureau supervises the Crossing Guard Program, which protects our children traveling to and from school. Presently there are 53 full time guards with 7 substitutes. The posts range from one and one-half hours to

three hours daily. The guards are assigned to insure maximum safety of our children. Of the 53 full-times guards over 25 guards have 10 years of service and above.

Portable Traffic Monitors:

The Speedsentry Traffic Monitors and Traffic Classifier Software enable the Police Department to effectively and efficiently monitor traffic speeds and traffic flow patterns on selected streets and locations. The Traffic counter collects data that is downloaded into the mainframe police computer for analysis by the department. The Traffic Bureau oversees the placement, repair and all other aspects of the traffic monitors.

Selective Enforcement



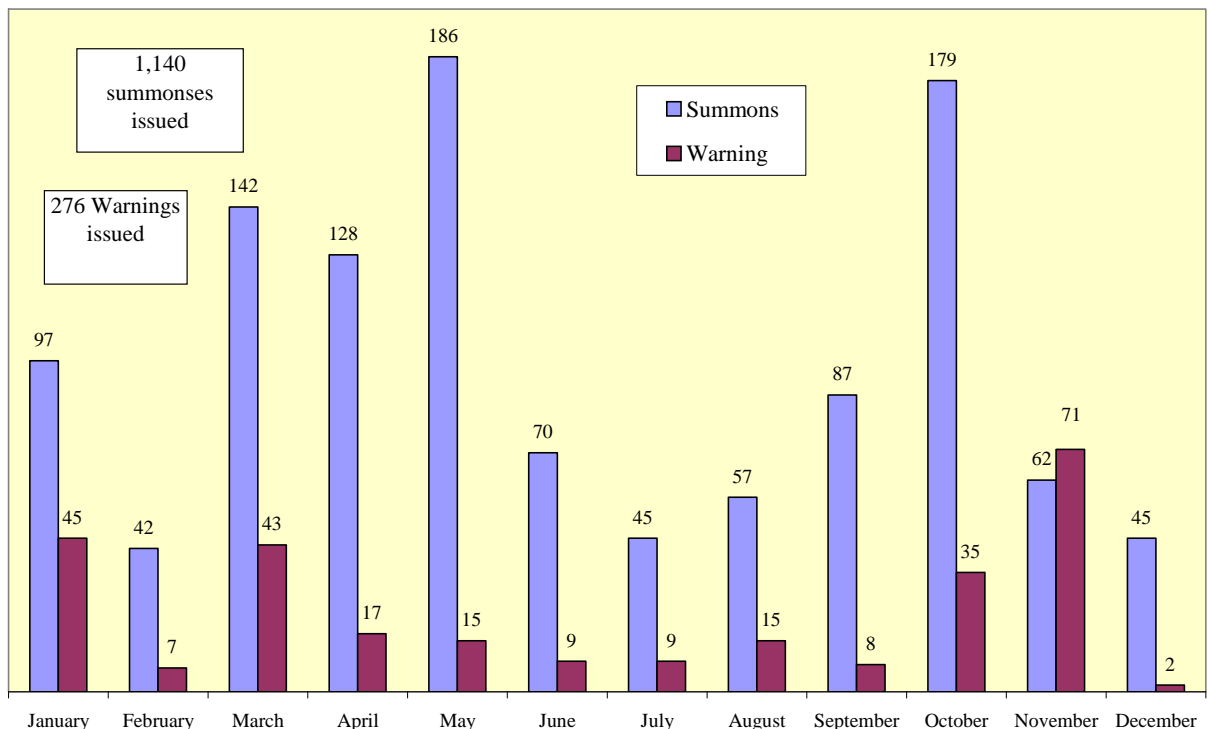
Detective Lisa Perrotta, Coordinator

During the calendar year 2007, the Westfield Police Department continued its emphasis on areas in town requiring intensive enforcement either due to high accident rates or in response to citizens' complaints. Over 766 hours were spent addressing specific areas of concern. This is in addition to regular patrol surveillance.

The streets with the highest percentage of violations were Central Avenue, East Broad Street, Dudley Avenue, Lawrence Avenue, Rahway Avenue, Willow Grove Road and Woodland Avenue.

The four Traffic Speed Monitors have maintained high visibility and added to the effectiveness of our Selective Enforcement program. The traffic speed monitors are stationed for two-week periods concentrating on the streets surrounding the schools. In addition when specific requests are made from residents the speed monitors are placed on those streets. When speeding complaints are reported, the monitor is set up to make the motoring public aware of their actual speed. The monitor has shown to be an effective deterrent in speeding complaints. Selective enforcement continues as an effort to address motor vehicle violations, slow down speeders, enforce the observance of stop signs and red lights and ultimately prevent accidents. The visibility of the Westfield police officer at certain areas in town heightens awareness and serves as a reminder to the citizens that the officers are there for their safety and the safety of their children.

2007 Selective Enforcement





Officer Gary Moore, Coordinator

In 2007 Westfield Police Department continued its **D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) Programs**, with 5th, 7th and 9th graders equipping them with the skills necessary to resist peer pressure to experiment with tobacco, marijuana, alcohol and other drugs. The D.A.R.E. Program encompasses six public elementary, two parochial, two intermediate schools and the Senior High School in Westfield. The elementary curriculum is 10 weeks and promotes both individual and cooperative thinking on the students' part and follows the academic marking periods.

The Middle School program continues to emphasize time management, character building and the effect of long-term substance abuse. The high school program is taught during the first half of the school year to all freshmen. The program is for all 9 periods, one day a week for 2 marking periods. The curriculum deals specifically with subject matters of decisions and consequences, demand reduction, cost and effect to communities created by drug use, teenagers and the law, driving while impaired, managing anger and resolving conflicts without drugs.

The continued success of the program is shown by the cooperation received from the Westfield Board of Education, school principals and teachers from public schools, Holy Trinity and Redeemer Lutheran Church School, Westfield Alliance, Westfield Police Department and the Chief of Police. But most of all the success is attributed to the openness and willingness of the students who have participated in the D.A.R.E. program. The approximately twenty plus hours on the D.A.R.E. program does not include administrative time in coordinating the program with the schools, meetings and arranging officers' schedules, budget preparation and instructor evaluation. Also, other juvenile and community policing programs that come from being the liaison to all of the schools.

The Westfield **D.A.R.E.** unit continues to be involved with the Union County D.A.R.E. Officers Association.



Detectives Gregory Hobson, and Officer Gary Moore continue to teach the D.A.R.E. programs. The New Jersey D.A.R.E. continues to offer updates to all certified D.A.R.E. officers. Officer Moore continues in the New Jersey D.A.R.E. mentors group for D.A.R.E. New Jersey. Most recently, Officer Moore has been appointed as Vice President of Union County D.A.R.E.

Our continuing thanks to the Westfield Alliance for their generous financial support in supplying the T-shirts, certificates and educational materials for the children, as well as the school administrators and teachers that continue to make this D.A.R.E. Program a success.

PARKING

The Parking Division has continued to evolve as a bureau within the Police Department. The Parking Division strives to provide efficient parking solutions through technology and have quality parking services available to the public. We work and partner with our internal and external customers in an effort to improve all aspects of service as we manage our current parking resources and plan for better ways to serve the community.

Currently, the Parking Division provides enforcement of state statutes and local parking ordinances within the central business district and surrounding areas of the downtown. The parking division consists of a sworn law enforcement supervisor, five special police officers and two clerks. The object of parking enforcement is to insure that our current parking assets are being utilized in a manner that benefits all parking patrons, both consumers and retail, in a safe, accessible atmosphere.

Parking Inventory

The Parking Division oversees the management of over 1,800 parking spaces within the Town of Westfield. Currently, 21 pay stations monitor 8 municipal parking lots and street areas which facilitate the turnover of parking spaces thereby providing greater accessible parking opportunities for shoppers.

Permit parking for commuters and employees is also provided for long term usage in designated municipal lots. There are a total of 797 permit parking spaces in addition to 966 pay station and meter parking spaces comprising the total parking inventory.



Pay Stations

The use of electronic multi-space meter technology, through pay station monitoring, has provided greater convenience to all levels of patrons. Presently, the pay stations accept coin, paper and smart card payments, allowing an expanding number of payment options for the consumer. In 2007 over 868,478 patrons utilized the 21 pay stations located on the street and in the municipal lots.

Parking Overview

The Town of Westfield has continued to improve the parking infrastructure. In 2007 Lot 1 was completely redesigned, landscaped, and had additional pay stations installed which increased capacity. New style signage was also installed throughout all the municipal lots in 2007 which makes it easier for patrons to understand the hours and days of each lot's usage.

In 2007 approximately 125,000 patrons utilized the 21 pay stations and 243 meters each month. This is an important figure because it shows the high rate of turnover, allowing for available spaces and creating more opportunities for shoppers.

At the present time, free parking is offered in the Southside Train Station Parking Lot and the Watterson Street Lot every day after 12:00 noon. Additionally, free parking is available to all patrons on Saturdays in Lot 8, creating additional free parking on the weekends.

Grants

In 2007 the Westfield Police Department was the recipient of four grants. The Enhanced 911 General Assistance Grant for \$26,701.15 has been used for improvements at our 911 center. The Westfield Police Department also received a 911 training grant for \$21,704.00 which has been used for recertifying 911 personnel and for the purchase of new equipment for the dispatch center.

We were awarded a Cops and Shops Grant in the amount of \$3000.00 with the goal of the apprehending underage purchasers or adults who may be purchasing for underage individuals. These monies are used to pay overtime to enforce the Alcohol Beverage Control laws under title 33. This grant program began September 1, 2006 and ended in May of 2007. There were a total of 7 arrests with one of those arrests for possession of a controlled dangerous substance, 2 for offering alcohol beverage to underage persons and 4 for underage possession of alcoholic beverage. One of the arrests resulted in a complaint being served upon a store with a history of selling to underage individuals.

The last grant we received is known as the **Selective Enforcement for Pedestrian, Intoxicated and Aggressive drivers**. Commonly known as S.E.P.I.A., this grant, which ended September 30, 2007, specifically targeted violators whose aggressive driving behavior results in motor vehicle accidents and injuries. The S.E.P.I.A. grant was in the amount of \$24,000.00. During October, November and December of 2007 there was a 4.31% decrease in motor vehicle accidents and an increase of 2.27% in DWI arrests but a 47.37% decrease in alcohol related motor vehicle accidents.

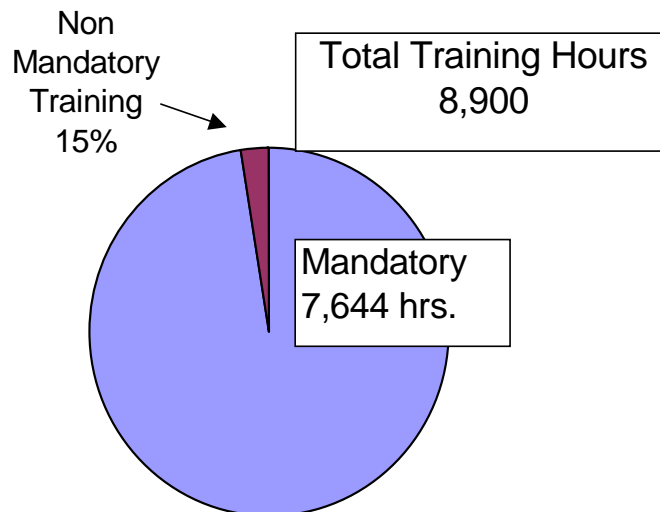
TRAINING

In 2007 all officers of the Westfield Police Department were assigned to attend in-service County and State training courses. The 8,900 hours delegated to training in 2006 reflects an increase from 2006. The increase in hours from 2006 is related specifically to having 2 police candidates in the John H. Stamler Police Academy and 6 officers being involved in Field Training Program. The Field Training program is a 16-week program for all new hires.

Officer Robert Bartkus, Jr. is a member of the Union County Emergency Response Team and spent 300 hours in training in 2007. The U.C.E.R.T. has been used extensively for Homeland Security assignments , crowd control and assistance with security by departments within Union County.

The Westfield Police Department provided six officers to the Union County Police Academy as instructors during 2007 for two separate classes and in-service training. The total Instructor hours expended in 2007 was 1136.

The Westfield Police Department participated in semi-annual state mandated firearms qualifications during 2007. Our volunteer Special Police Officers also attended Semi-Annual Firearms Qualifications at the Linden Police Range.



The following list reflects additional training schools attended by members of the Westfield Police Department.

911 Recertification	Keeping Children Safe and Tomorrow
Active Shooter	Methamphetamine Safety Awareness
Alcotest Recertification	Methods of Instruction
Basic 911	Microsoft Excel Basic
Basic Telecommunicators	Microsoft Outlook
Bomb Incidents and Threats	Microsoft Publisher
BTC/EMD Recertification	Microsoft Word Basic
Cellblock Management	Microsoft Word Intermediate
Changing Role of Law Enforcement	Motorcycle Skills Refresher
Clearing of Buildings	Narcotic Investigation
Contemporary Supervision Techniques	NENA Conference
Crash 3 -Vehicle Dynamics	New Jersey Youth Challenge Academy
Crash II	O.C. Instructor Recertification
Cyber Crimes	Patrol Practices
Dare-Senior High Training	Performance Evaluations Seminar
Deconfliction Training	Police Carbine Instructor Course
Defensive Tactics For Female Officers	Police Response to Mental Illness
Document Fraud	Psychiatric Screening
Domestic Violence Investigation	Radar Instructor Course
Domestic Violence Update	Radar Instructor Recertification
DWI-HGN	Report Writing
Electronic TRO	Search for Execution and Entry
EMD	Search Warrant Entry and Execution
Emergency Medical Dispatch	Sex crimes conference
Firearms Instructor	Sub-Gun Instructor
Gangs-Hate Crimes	Surviving Armed Encounters
Handling Emotionally Disturbed People	Tactical Patrol Course - Bomar
HGN	Traffic Crash Investigator Interviewing Tech.
Incident Command For Executives	Writing Effective Evaluations
Interviewing for Traffic Investigator	Youth Mentor Training
Juvenile Justice Update	

Records Bureau



The Westfield Police Department Records Bureau is responsible for a number of different functions. All written records are maintained for departmental, government agency and public need. The Records Bureau is also responsible for the department's computer network.

Currently in place is an IBM RISC 6000 Server, and four WINDOWS 2000 servers, which manage the following:

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| ◆ Computer Aided Dispatch | ◆ Alarm registration and false alarm tracking. |
| ◆ Emergency 9-1-1 interface | ◆ Global Positioning Satellite Tracking (GPS) |
| ◆ National Crime Information Center interface | ◆ AFIS LiveScan Fingerprinting |
| ◆ New Jersey Division of Motor Vehicles interface | ◆ Digital Photography and storage |
| ◆ Administrative office of the Courts interface | ◆ Inter-departmental security |
| ◆ Investigative, Traffic, Firearm, and Arrest records | ◆ In-Car Digital Video |
| ◆ Uniform Crime Reports | |

Responsibilities

Firearms applicant investigations
Criminal and civil discovery
Criminal and license records for Municipal Court
Assignment of extra-duty Police employment

Enforcement of the excessive false alarm ordinance
Bicycle registrations
Traffic surveys and statistics
Roadway traffic counts

The table below illustrates the amounts collected by the Records Bureau in 2006 and 2007 for discovery and Police Fees.

	2007	2006
Prints	860.00	1,145.00
Firearms	273.00	253.00
Accidents	5,488.50	5,616.75
Good Conduct	720.00	438.00
Police Reports	6,428.50	8,719.50
Misc.	95.00	774.00
Bartenders	80.00	100.00
Notary	35.00	59.00
Escorts	265.00	115.00
Bicycle	422.00	384.25
Alarms	21,561.50	23,677.00
Total	\$36,228.50	\$41,281.50

Technological Advancements



Mobile Data Terminals installed in patrol vehicles enable the Officers' instant access to a number of Law Enforcement databases. Officers also submit their reports online, allowing the Officers to remain on active patrol instead of bringing the reports into Headquarters. For 2008 we are moving towards a new, more reliable in-car computer system, using the Panasonic Tough Book and updated modem technology.



Digital Patroller®

Digital Patroller Video Recording System

The department implemented the use of the Digital Patroller digital video recording system in 2006. The Digital Patroller is a data recording, transfer, and storage system that operates solely in the digital domain. The Digital Patroller in-car capture system allows Officers to record interviews and actions in the field as evidence for court proceedings, such as with D.W.I. cases. This system is also used for training and review of Officer patrol practices.

We have had great success with the Digital Patroller system, and for 2008 we are implementing the next generation of the Digital Patroller equipment, the DP-2 in-car video system.



AFIS LIVESCAN FINGERPRINTING

The department acquired a Sagem Morpho LiveScan fingerprinting system. Connected to both the New Jersey State Police and the FBI, this allows for almost instant identification of arrested persons. In a time where identity crime has become a serious concern, this system will aid in the apprehension of persons involved in these offenses.

In 2008 we are receiving completely updated equipment as part of an effort by the New Jersey State Police to implement a statewide laser-fingerprint system. The new system will also incorporate criminal mug shots in a statewide database for immediate identification of suspects.



9-1-1 Dispatch Center

Our 9-1-1 Dispatch center update has been completed this year. In an attempt to better serve the community, we now have a total of four 9-1-1 emergency dispatch consoles, and a touch screen radio system. This upgrade is to expedite compliance with the FCC wireless E9-1-1 requirements, for the receiving, displaying, and tracking of wireless 9-1-1 calls.

Computer Aided Dispatch System

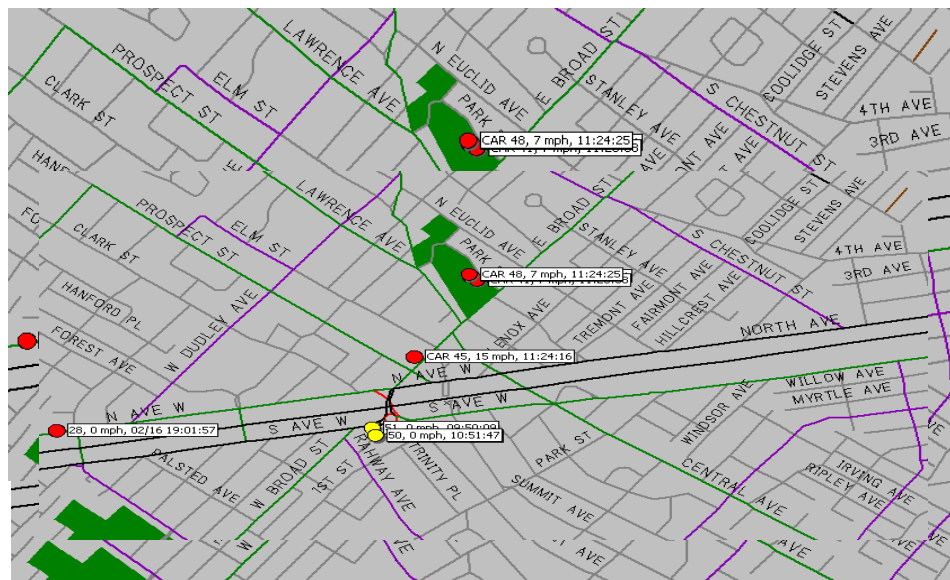
Our goals for 2008 include updating our existing Computer Aided Dispatch system to a current, Windows based platform. This new system, XCAD, is an advanced computer aided dispatching system, combined with a comprehensive records management system, XRMS. The new CAD/RMS system will share data with our existing fingerprint and criminal records system LiveScan. The system will collect arrest data directly from XCAD and populate the related fields in its own database. Once a subject is printed and photographed, the record is electronically transmitted to a central repository and checked against state and federal records. This will enable officers to get nearly instant feedback from a record sent via this system.

We will also be updating our mobile data terminal software to a Windows based mobile solution for the department. This new product, XMobile, will replace an aging system that has been in use at the department for several years. XMobile uses touch screen technology to facilitate interaction between the mobile user and police headquarters. Now, an officer can handle calls, look up call history at a specific address, check a unit's call history, perform DMV lookups and communicate with other officers, all by a few touches on the computer screen.

We also hope to streamline our current computer server platform to an environmentally “Greener” system. This will include utilizing rack mounted servers for our computer infrastructure, as well as a rack mounted power control/back up system. Part of our effort also includes new software that should greatly reduce the amount of paper and ink used by the department.

Global Positioning Satellite Tracking

This year we have moved to new GPS Mapping software. This system provides more accurate, detailed mapping of our community. The Global Positioning Satellite (GPS) System allows for constant location reporting of Police and Rescue vehicles. 9-1-1 and Dispatch Personnel have the ability to view Emergency Units on a live display for use in the most efficient dispatching of these units during emergencies. Below is a copy of a live picture that shows the position of various police vehicles. Red dot represents police vehicles and yellow dot represents Rescue Squad vehicles.





Commendations

In the period from November 1, 2006 through April 2008, commendations for outstanding police work were awarded to officers. The recipients are listed below

Recipient

Life Saving

Officer Robert Bartkus
Officer Frank Padovano
Special Officer Christopher Donovan
Officer Thomas Ostrander
Officer Mark Cierpial
Officer Christopher Scuorzo

Medal of Merit

Officer Robert Bartkus
Officer Marcin Kapka
Officer Joseph Martino
Officer John Tango

Command Citation

Det. James McCullough
Officer John Tango

Officer Frank Padovano
Officer Donald Perkins
Officer Frank Padovano
Officer Donald Domanoski

Certificate of Merit

Officer Joseph Martino
Officer Steven Martinez
Officer Leonard Lugo
Dispatcher Brian Minson
Officer Mark Cierpial
Officer Frank Moya
Officer Michael Walsh

Civilian Service Awards

Dr. Thomas Streko
Dr. Malcolm Schwartz

Internal Affairs

In 2007 the Internal Affairs Unit investigated twenty-six complaints against members of the Department as reported by Captain Clifford Auchter to Chief John Parizeau. Five of these complaints were internally initiated and the remaining twenty-one were from citizens. Five complaints were sustained, eighteen were either exonerated, not sustained or unfounded with one pending disposition. In the case of sustained complaints appropriate disciplinary action was taken.